



HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Office of the County Auditor

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Bill Number:

19-028

Zoning Agricultural Retail
Sales

Sponsor:

Council President Vincenti
at the request of the
County Executive and
Council Member Shrodes

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

Undetermined

Summary of Legislation

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection D(2) of Section 267-53, AG Agricultural District, of Article VII, District Regulations, of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to allow products grown or produced on properties owned or leased by the owner; to allow products grown or produced on another Harford County farm; to prohibit more than 20% of products grown or produced outside of Harford County; and generally relating to zoning.

The bill will take effect 60 days after it is adopted.

Fiscal Analysis

This bill amends the Zoning Code to add requirements for property to be used in commission of agricultural retail sales. Specifically, regarding the subject property, the bill:

- Establishes a minimum percentage of agricultural products that must be grown or raised on the premises or other County property owned or leased by the products' producer;
- Limits the percentage of agricultural products that may be sold that are grown or produced on another County farm not owned or leased by the producer; and,
- Limits the total area used for agriculture retail or of the structure dedicated to products grown or produced outside the County.

These zoning changes may impact individual property owners. In accordance with §31-6 of the County Code, a Council Member may request a fiscal impact note for zoning matters from the Director of Planning and Zoning. Accordingly, we have not determined the fiscal impact of these pieces of legislation. A fiscal note request should allow the Department at least four weeks to prepare the note.

Additional Information:

Version: 01
based on bill as
introduced 10/01/2019

Prepared by: Chrystal
Brooks, County Auditor.

Inquiries may be directed
to (410)638-3161.